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GIBISONVILLE OIL FIELD

History of the Energetic
Probing of That
Territory.

TWENTY-FIFTH WELL

Many Good Gas Wells In
Laurel Township.

Through the courtesies extended to our representative by T. D. Woods, on whose property oil has been struck in immense quantities, David Wylie, an expert driller, and W. T. Brashares, a leading citizen and an observing man of affairs, we are enabled to give to our readers a complete record of the wells drilled in their results and possibilities at and near the village of Gibsonville, in Laurel township, in this county.

Eight years ago a Columbus company drilled a well on the Joseph McBroom farm, just this side of Gibsonville. It developed about 2,500,000 feet of gas a high pressure well, and is a very active, good well up to this date.

The second well was drilled in on the Geo. Evans lot in Gibsonville, in the spring of 1905, by Kerlin Bros. of Logan. It was a good gas well; a 2,500,000 gusher. Unfortunately the well was neglected, the casing bad and soon drowned out.

The third well was drilled on the Dock Walker lot, Gibsonville, (now owned by Mrs. Charley Neff) in the summer of 1905, by the Springfield company. This was a 2,500,000 gas well. When they reached Berea rock, so we are informed, a vein of oil was struck that flowed possibly two barrel per day. The well soon drowned out, the casing drawn and the well abandoned.

The fourth well was drilled in on the T. D. Woods farm adjoining Gibsonville in October 1908, by the Columbus company. Gas was struck at Berea rock, a possibly 2,500,000 well. This is rather an eccentric well, blows month about, one month on and one month off. Since October last the well has been continuous. It is considered a very fair well.

The fifth well was drilled in on the Township lot, by Kerlin Bros., Logan. It was a 2,500,000 gas well with a small showing of oil.

The sixth well was drilled in on the Golden Evans land, just north of No. 5, by Kerlin Bros., Logan. This was a very light well. The 2nd, 5th, and 6th, were piped to Logan to run the brick plant. Unfortunately the line was laid with inferior pipe, second-hand, simply junk, it is told us, and wholly inadequate to conduct the gas to the plant. This, no doubt, was entirely responsible for its abandonment.

The seventh well was drilled in on the George Evans land by the Logan company and was a dry hole.

The eighth well was drilled in on the Byron Zeigler farm by the Springfield company in May 1906, and proved to be a dry hole.

The ninth and tenth wells were drilled in on the Jake Cupp farm by the Springfield company. They were both average wells but were drowned out.

The eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth wells were drilled in on the Martin Kline farm in the summer of 1906. At the time they were drilled in they were all good wells and so continued until March 17, 1908, when one was drowned out. The remaining three are in excellent condition.

The fifteenth well was drilled in on the Jacob Cupp farm, in the spring of 1907. It was a fair well with good rock pressure and is

still in commission.

The sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth wells were drilled in on the Joel Vorhees farm, (Bob Dollison's wells, he having reserved the gas and oil rights) by the Columbus company. They had unusually bad luck. The first two developed about 2,000 feet, and the third developed a dry hole at Clinton sand.

The nineteenth and twentieth wells were located on the A. Snider farm in Crane holler by the Springfield company. The first was a 2,000,000 well and is still in commission with very little, if any, decrease. The second well was drilled some 300 yards west and was a dry hole.

The 21st well was located on the Isaac Huffine farm in Crane Holler by the Springfield company, and is an average paying well. It is still in commission.

The 22nd well was located on the Lew Huffine farm in Crane Holler by the Springfield company. This is also an average paying well and is still in commission.

The 23rd well was drilled in on the T. B. Voris property by the Columbus company. This is a very active, paying well and is still doing business.

The 24th well was drilled in on the Jacob Cupp farm in Crane Holler and proved to be a dry hole. This well was possibly handicapped by having wells all around and in close proximity to it.

The 25th, and the cracker jack, was the second well drilled on T. B. Wood's farm by the Columbus company. On March 5th oil was struck and on the 6th it flowed better than 50 barrels. It is conservatively estimated by men of long and active experience that this well is good for from 45, at the lowest possible estimate, to 55 barrels per day. The oil is of the very best quality and contains hardly, but possibly, one-eighth water. The third well was located about one half mile from the second, on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, and work will begin as soon as the rigging and tools can be got on the ground. The Columbus company proposes to drill three more wells on the farm, and if near or half as good as the one just flowed, will pipe it to Enterprise and ship by rail.

All the available land with but possibly two exceptions, are taken up, and the indications are that there will be wonderful activity in the Gibsonville Gas and Oil fields the coming summer.

T. D. Woods represents the Ohio Fuel Supply. He is on the ground, is active and aggressive, and has leased about everything available.

Geo. Ewing, of Lancaster, represents the Springfield company, and if common rumor is any criterion, he is very much in evidence.

The Columbus company, so far as we have been able to learn, has at present no representative on the ground.

The Logan company, it is claimed, have surrendered some of their leases, and have no representative in the field.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Laurel—F. W. Hamilton and wife to John K. Steel, lots 3, 4, in Laurelville. Consideration \$410.

Star—F. S. Tedrow and wife to W. C. Kennard, 121 acres, \$550.

Falls—Martin R. Brown and wife to James A. Brown, 100 acres. Consideration \$2,500.

Ward—Charlotte L. Mason et al to Geo. Price, 304 acres. Consideration \$4,000.

Good Hope—Sarah Shannon to Samuel Rish, 80 acres. Consideration \$2350.

Falls—Gust Heine and Minnie Heine to Elmer O. Pettit and Ed. W. Ricketts, 11 acres. Consideration \$650.

Falls—Otto Zanner and wife to W. F. Wolfe, lot 1054. Consideration \$25.

THE STRONG ARM OF COURT

Many Cases Appear Upon
the Docket Next Term
of Court.

CIVIL STRIFE MAINTAINS

Michael Cicalo Case Set
For Next Monday.

On Monday, March 30, the next term of the Common Pleas Court will begin in Logan. On that day the celebrated case of Micheal Cicalo for the murder of George Hale will begin. That a criminal case is set down for the first day of court is rather an innovation from the usual custom, but there is no reason in law to the contrary. The usual way is to have a grand jury set on the first days of term, but Judge Martin wants to clean up some of the old troubles before he gets a new batch on his hands. The order for the drawing of a grand jury has not been made.

The following cases both civil and criminal appear upon the docket for this term:

Mahala Hunsacker vs Carl Mohler, et al, partition.

David Unkle vs A. R. McBroom, revivor of dormant judgment.

Ward Bell vs Edna Bell, decree of transfer quieting title and equitable relief.

John Sheets vs Sarah Sheets, divorce.

A. R. McBroom vs James Hansen, appeal.

W. T. Stevens vs N. Plank & Son et al, for money on Promissory Note.

Anna Lenninger vs John Lenninger, divorce.

C. W. Dowler vs Elmer Hamilton, appeal.

Josie Woods vs Samuel Woods, divorce and alimony.

Meda Byron, Guardian of John L. Byron vs The New Pittsburgh Coal Co., damages, amount claimed \$20,000.

Gotlieb Jurgensmeyer vs Samuel Helber, money, amount claimed \$100.

State of Ohio vs William Hudson, money, amount claimed \$154.34.

Abraham Brannan vs Jerome A. Kline, for money, amount claimed \$2,000.

Kleinsmidt Bros. vs Mrs. J. J. Snider, appeal.

Jeremiah Glancy vs The Hocking Valley Railway Co., appeal.

Maud Wright vs Otis McVey, revivor of dormant judgment.

Grace Collison vs Edward Latimer, bastardy.

F. M. Abbot, doing business under the name of Columbus Supply Company vs The Incorporated Village of Murray City, Hocking County, Ohio, appeal.

Chas. P. Wolf vs The Hocking Valley Railway Co., damages, amount claimed \$6,100.

Greenfield Bro. vs Chas. Strum, appeal.

William Ellinger vs Ed. Radebaugh, appeal.

Thomas Shotwell vs Lawrence A. Culver et al, to quiet title.

Soliday & Williamson vs John W. Linton, appeal.

Mary Guess vs Frank Sherrick et al, partition.

William L. Newsham vs Village of Logan, Hocking County, Ohio, damages, amount claimed \$5,875.

The Lima Trust Co. as Trustees vs Robert Davey, Constable of Falls Township, in replevin.

A. A. Campbell, Adm. of Sus. an J. Whitcraft, deceased vs J. W. Hansen, appeal.

Lyda E. Donaldson vs Geo. W. Donaldson, divorce and alimony.

Homer Hansel, as executor of last will and testament of Silas

Warthman, deceased vs Eliza Warthman, for construction of will.

Frank Marziuff vs Frank M. McKay, promissory note.

Day Kinnison vs Jay Swingle, Bastardy.

Eno Blanchard vs Wesley Sharon, appeal.

The Sol Ranch Sons Co. vs George H. Brooker, appeal.

Mary J. Shannon vs Dickinson Praither, breach of promise.

Clarie Barclay vs Charles Barclay and Victoria Dett Barclay, action for equitable relief.

Effie Wright vs Mary E. North et al, partition.

Frank Rochester as Adm. of the estate of John C. Rochester deceased vs John P. Rochester, for money, amount claimed \$205.63.

Jacob Heavener vs The New Pittsburgh Coal Co., damages, amount claimed \$20,000.

Fred A. Koppe vs Edna Barber-ry et al, partition.

George Wyskiver vs Perry Francisco, slander, damages, amount claimed \$5,000.

Elsworth Davis vs Retta Davis, divorce and alimony.

David Staneart vs Maude Staneart, divorce.

Susan J. Kinser vs Margaret Chilcote et al, partition.

Allen Tenner vs Ed. Price, damages, amount claimed \$5,000.

John F. White et al vs Lewis J. Warner, appointment of Receiver.

Geo. W. Dupler vs Central Sili-can Company, appeal.

Susan J. Kinser vs Margaret Chilcote et al, partition.

Sunday Creek Company vs Jesse W. Gabriel, as Treasurer et al, injunction.

Joseph Brooker vs Thomas Price, injunction and damages.

Daniel Masters vs O. W. H. Wright, Adm. of Mary Masters, deceased, and Francis Spencer, money.

William Hussy vs Rachel Hussy, divorce.

John E. Koch, Jr., doing business under and by the name of The Commercial Bank of Millersburg vs Charles T. Ensminger et al, for accounting of claims and foreclosure of mortgage.

Reuben R. Lindsey vs Lulu Walton et al, accounting appointment of receiver and closing partnership.

Emma Davis vs Benjamin Davis, divorce and alimony.

Mary Brooks vs Abraham Big-ham, breach of promise.

Eugene Litton, doing business under the name and style of Warren Shoe Co. vs Geo. H. Rauch & Co. a partnership, for money amount claimed \$150.00.

Pansy Davis vs Harley Connors, Bastardy.

Harley Davis vs Charles E. Flum and Elmer Humphrey, Sheriff of Vinton County, Ohio, injunction.

Edward G. Hockman vs Charles Adeock, damages, amount claimed \$500.00.

William B. Haines vs Lewis Ruble, for money.

Stark S. Safford vs Carrie H. Farrel and Emerson B. Farrel, foreclosure of mortgage and equitable relief.

Mary Sleigh vs Charles Sleigh, divorce and alimony.

Emma Burgoon vs Peter Burgoon, divorce and alimony.

The State of Ohio relative to Allen R. McBroom vs James L. Martin, Auditor et al, injunction.

The State of Ohio vs Henry Kylwerth, peace warrant.

The Board of County Com. Hocking County, Ohio vs The Central Ohio Gas and Fuel Co., Alex Leeroix and Daniel Joice, petition for injunction.

\$8,400,000.00 STATE EXPENSE

Greatest Sum Ever Ex-
pended in One Year by
the Legislature.

STATE TREASURER PROBED

McKinnon May be Sued
For Thousands.

Money, ordinarily the root of all evil, was, in the General Assembly this week, the root and main-spring of most of the legislative action. In the first place, the final supply bill of the year, carrying in round numbers \$6,723,965, was introduced in the House of Representatives. If it is passed and is not voted by Governor Harris, the total cost to the state this year for operation will be over \$8,400,000, the greatest in its history. In the second place, it was evident that some of the members of the General Assembly are not satisfied that the commonwealth is getting all that is coming to it.

This morning Representative John Stockwell, of Cleveland, the man who began the now celebrated fight against the conditions existing in the State Accounting Department, petitioned Attorney General Wade H. Ellis to bring suit against State Treasurer William S. McKinnon to recover the sums paid to him as interest upon state deposits by the banks in which he is interested. The petition presented to the Attorney-General was drawn by a firm of lawyers in this city, and presages a taxpayers' suit to recover the money in the event that the state's law officer does not see fit to enter the action. Representative Stockwell declared that the payment was not justified by law, business dealing or anything else that would make it legal. The Attorney-General, who has also under advertisement the demand of Geo. W. Bope to enter suit to recover \$350,000 from former State Treasurer Isaac B. Cameron for interest received upon state money during the time that he held that office, informed Representative Stockwell that he would examine into the matter and make a report speedily.

Hunt offered a resolution requesting Auditor of State Guilbert to make a return to the House of the returns of the gas and electric companies of the state as to gross receipts and dividends and the ratio of the same to each other.

Charges were made by Senator Edward Hafner, of Cincinnati, that the Republicans were endeavoring to hamper the joint committee to investigate Cincinnati and Hamilton County, of which Senator B. F. Gayman, of Franklin County, is the Chairman. As soon as the journals of Thursday and Friday were read Senator Samuel West, of Logan County, entered a protest against a ruling of the chair in the adoption of the Gayman resolution of last Thursday, adopted by a vote of 16 to 13.

Anticipating the abandonment of the present penitentiary as a general state prison, Representative Wertz, of Wayne County, offered a resolution providing that it be remodeled for the incarceration of dangerous, vicious and bad-behaved criminals. The others are to be placed in various parts of the state where there are shale and limestone deposits, for the purpose of making brick and macadam for state and county roads. The criminal insane are to be removed to an asylum. This resolution is offered that it may be made the medium of expression of the General Assembly that this is the

wisest course to pursue, and is not binding.

In order to remove the fear of a mistake and to give the condemned an opportunity to clear away any doubt, Representative Bassett, of Toledo, offered a bill which permits a Judge in a criminal case involving murder to withhold the execution of sentence for one year after the jury finds the accused guilty. This is to apply when the penalty is death and the verdict has been found upon circumstantial evidence.

Senator Samuel H. West, of Logan County, introduced a bill for the purpose of doing away with the Decennial Board of Appraisalment of Real Estate. The bill provides that instead all real estate shall be appraised every four years by a board composed of the Recorder, Treasurer and Auditor in counties where there are no Boards of Review.

NEW BILLS IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. Lybarger—To revise the laws relating to the Ohio state board of agriculture and the board of live stock commissioners.

Mr. Conroy—Relative to agreements between employees and employers.

Mr. Maulberger—To provide for an exhibit by the state of Ohio at the International Congress on Tuberculosis to be held in Washington, D. C., September 21, 1908.

Mr. Lersch—Sundry appropriations. Passed House and Senate under suspension of rules.

Mr. Stephenson—To exempt farm products from Valentine anti-trust law.

Mr. Stephenson—Relating to bribery at elections.

By Mr. Lybarger of Coshocton—To provide for the maintenance of children under 16 years of age by parents confined in workhouses by the payment of the county of 40 cents a day for the support of the children of any such prisoner.

By Mr. Kolinsky of Cuyahoga—To put Coroners on salary basis, according to tax duplicate, maximum to be \$2,500 a year.

By Mr. Smith of Cuyahoga—To place County Surveyors on salary, the maximum to be \$2,500 a year.

By Mr. Pettit of Hocking—Providing that each attorney appointed by the Court shall be paid \$50 when retained in all cases except murder.

By Mr. Pettit of Hocking—Providing that charges for shipping horses shall not exceed rate for 3,000 pounds of ordinary freight.

By Mr. Jones of Jefferson To repeal Section 2792, A. R. S., and to permit separation of land and the mineral under it for taxation.

By Mr. Bassett of Lucas—To restore the old line fence law so that an adjoining land owner does not have to pay half the cost of line fence unless he uses it as part of an enclosure.

By Mr. Huey of Mahoning—To prevent tearing up of new streets by providing that when streets are improved the water and sewer connections shall be made to curb line by the property owner. If not done the city shall do the work and assess the cost, with 5 percent penalty.

By Mr. Ritter of Miami—Giving County Commissioners power to take care of living streams.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Montgomery—Providing substations at which taxes may be paid.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Montgomery—To create the office of State Inspector of Plumbing.

By Mr. Frizell of Montgomery—To provide for the incorporation of county golf club by allowing them to issue preferred and common stock.

By Mr. Frizell of Montgomery—To give cities the power to place piers in a street for overgrade railroad crossings. This is to meet a condition in Dayton.

By Mr. Tinker of Ross—Providing for parole officer at the penitentiary; also, for additional female guards. Abolishing office of superintendent of piece work and readjusting a number of salaries.

By Mr. Walker of Stark—To permit the Court to refer the

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THE WOMEN OF LOGAN

Certainly Do Worry the
Councilmen About
the Dogs.

DUTY OF POLICEMEN

Something Must be Done to—
Preserve the Peace.

Right now the council of the nice town of Logan is to be pitied. Up until this time they were earning their comfortable salaries in the tranquility of duty well performed without even a shallow shore breaker throwing salt water in their faces. They were getting along so nicely and everybody was happy, when all at once the storm came, and it seemed for a while that the light house glow would not save them.

The kindly rays of a spring-time sun has caused the little green noses of the tulips to poke through the rich soil in the already velvety green lawn, and the big, thoughtless, careless dog, that belongs to the big, thoughtless, neighbor, just makes it a business to hunt up that promising tulip bed and scratch off all the tender tiny shoots, and the plants are ruined.

The good house wife beholds the dire destruction from the window. She yells, and throws an empty flower pot at the impudent cur, and he leisurely walks away, and digs up some more new sod near the side walk. The good wife looks at the tulip bed and views the destruction and almost cries. Then she gets mad and whirls into the house, and the way she jiggles that telephone is enough. "Is that you Mr. (Councilmen)? Buzz, wow, whizz—dogs in my (whiz) flowers." Thud-wow-bang.

In this council chamber where all is quiet, and where they are free and safe from the storm, they hold deep convales to build a safe guard against the next attack.

They had the ordinance read again carefully, and it said that the marshal and policemen should do so and so, and the then distracted alderman put it up to the Mayor to see to it that the policemen enforced the law. Mr. Dougherty said they did not need any ordinance for him. All he wanted was a convenient shot gun.

Fire chief Waner submitted his report of inspection of public buildings which is published elsewhere in this paper.

The street committee were authorized to advertise for bids for lighting.

Several citizens addressed the council favoring numbering the houses in Logan.

Central Union Telephone Co. installed fire alarm which was accepted.

Mr. Gompf was hired to care for Worthington Park for six months for \$70.00.

Fire Chief question was again discussed.

Clerk Grove submitted his annual report, published on last page of this paper.

The following bills were allowed:

J. Carpenter, hay	11 75
Work Bros., matches	20
E. E. Bright, shoeing horses	2 40
Geo. Bishop, night policeman	30 00
H. Plunk, work on streets	2 25
Ed Radebaugh, cleaning Main street	16 45
Wm. Glass, hauling gravel	2 00
W. R. Angell, labor	3 00
Chas. Voris, salary as street commissioner	41 66
Sherman Dorris, labor	3 00
Chris Griner, labor	5 75
T. Braddock, hauling	17 50
John Mathict, night policeman	45 00
Ham Meldrim, salary as driver of fire team	40 00
Columbus Workhouse, for boarding prisoners four years	89 25
Dr. E. E. Campbell, expenses to Columbus as Health Officer	5 85